

As an amateur radio operator and a volunteer examiner, I disagree with the comments filed by the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators. I would like to see our new amateur radio operators continue to demonstrate proficiency with Morse code. We can not afford to take computers, the internet, and repeaters for granted. In some very real scenarios it can be foreseen that these appliances may fail. It can also be shown that there are times when only Morse code will be able to make contact. I feel that Morse code should continue to be an alternative form of communication, available to knowledgeable amateur radio operators as conditions dictate. For these reasons I feel Morse code should continue to be a requirement for HF operators in the united States.